

INDIAN VALLEY LITTLE LEAGUE

MINUTES OF APRIL 7, 2014, 6:30PM, INDIAN VALLEY LITTLE LEAGUE BOARD OF DIRECTORS, held at the Kerhonkson Elementary School, Kerhonkson, NY.

PRESENT:

John Ellsworth, President/ Safety Officer/ Umpire in Chief
Christopher De Pew, Vice President
Becky Stange, Secretary/ TB&CP Team Coordinator
Matthew Paley, Treasurer
Thomas Stange, Field and Grounds/ TB&CP Team Coordinator
Laura McCarthy, Fundraising
Christopher King, Information Officer
Gregg Kenney, Player Agent
Lorissa Beatty, Fundraising
Cathy Bowman, Equipment Manager

ABSENT:

Heather De Pew, Fundraising

Mr. Ellsworth noted that this meeting was held to help tighten up some loose ends to make sure everything was ready for Opening Day.

FIRST AID KITS:

Mrs. Beatty noted that she would get some missing items for the first aid kits and get them to Mrs. Bowman to distribute to all teams.

CLEAN UP DAY:

Mr. Stange noted that all nets are up and insides of fields have been raked. On Saturday, April 12th, Val Zocchi is going to bring his machine down to the field at 8am to fill in lower spots with dirt on both fields. They are going to try and get Kevin Mutz to bring his 4 wheeler to drag the minor field. If Mr. Stange has time he may re-stake the bases on the minor field so they are permanently where they should be. He also wants to try and fix the 3rd base area on the minor field where it gets all swampy when it rains. He has a call into Brian Culwell regarding a pallet of lime which will come out of the \$250 credit that Mr. Culwell donates to the League each year.

There would be a 9am score keeping class and a 1pm umpire's clinic on Saturday, April 12th at the field.

Mr. De Pew questioned if we were going to use Speedy Dry this year?

Mr. Stange noted that it can only be bought by the pallet and it is expensive.

Mr. De Pew would look into pricing it by the bag at Tractor Supply.

CONCESSION STAND:

Mr. Stange noted that Mr. Baul meet him down at the field last weekend to turn on the water and refrigerator. There is a part in the back of one of the fridge's that broke because it froze over the winter. He could call Bill's Appliance and see if it would be covered under warranty, but didn't think it would be because it wasn't drained properly and froze over the winter. The other thing is the filter for the ice machine needs to be replaced. Mr. Ball said they can be purchased at Lowe's in New Paltz for about \$40. If the Board didn't want to purchase a new filter they could just make ice cubes in the trays for making bags of ice.

The Board agreed not to buy the filter and just make bags of ice on their own.

SCORE BOARD:

Mr. Stange noted that there are some lights out on the score board. He hoped to get up there next weekend to see how to go about fixing it.

Mr. Ellsworth noted that Mr. Bollin had fixed it in the past. He didn't know if Mr. Stange wanted to reach out to him.

Mr. Stange noted that he should be able to get whatever parts they need from the company.

MOWING:

Mr. Stange opened the only bid received for mowing. It was from Mr. Lezzer and it was for the same amounts as last year:

\$59.99 for interior- both fields

\$120.00 for complete fields and outside areas.

Mr. De Pew motioned to go with Chip Lezzer for field mowing. Seconded by Mr. Kenney. All Members present, in favor.

FIELD CONDITIONS:

Mr. Stange didn't see a problem with the field conditions for the ability to start practicing outdoors.

INDOOR PRACTICE:

Mr. Hickey noted that since there weren't any teams in front of him on Monday nights, he'd like to go back to 6:30-8:30 practices indoor at the KES Gym.

Everyone was fine with this.

OUTDOOR PRACTICES:

Mr. Hickey noted that he has gotten permission to use property at Camp Epworth on Lucas Ave for outdoor practices. He noted that it's just a flat field with a back stop.

Mr. Ellsworth noted that was fine and would be covered under League Insurance.

Mr. Ellsworth noted that he was also waiting to hear back from Little League regarding the ability to use Lipman Park as another practice location. He continued to note that the Town of Rochester field is supposed to be getting work done to it starting this week.

Mr. De Pew noted that the Major Managers had discussed swapping time slots for outdoor practices, so when one team is indoor, another team will have the same time slot outdoors on the Major field. The Tigers and Pirates will swap and the Dodgers and Yankees will swap except for this week. This week the Dodgers will practice on Wednesday to make up for missing practice this evening.

OPENING DAY:

Mrs. Beatty noted that she has about 10 or 11 vendors. The Fire Depts, the Cub Scouts, 31 Party, Ulster County Sheriff, Skate Time 209, a cup cake lady, jeweler, woodworking, Pampered Chef, Premier Designs, Origami Owl, and a diet wrap distributor.

Games would start at 10am and ceremonies between 12 & 12:30pm. Mr. Ellsworth would do the announcing of the teams.

Mrs. Stange suggested having Howie and Debbie Baul throw out the first pitch as a thank you for all of their years involved with the League.

Mrs. Beatty would ask the Bauls if their niece Alexis Gonzalez could sing the National Anthem and ask if they would be in attendance to participate in Opening Day.

Mr. De Pew noted that they should bring all of the teams in from the outfield gate this year and get all the teams there by 11:30 to line up.

BLUE STONE PRESS:

Mrs. Bowman has a friend who works for the Blue Stone Press and they would be happy to hear from the League more and write articles and maybe even have a player of the week out of the older teams. Maybe she would even do interviews.

SPONSOR LOGOS:

Mr. De Pew questioned about the master logo list. He noted that his guy at Anaconda Kaye (AK) needed them from a PDF file or they'd have to create their own.

Mrs. Beatty noted that was what Winter Moon had to do, so that was fine. Jessica Gaydos couldn't find the original file for the logos, she only had a picture of them.

Mr. De Pew would pass this on to AK. He also noted that the League saved about \$400 because they had pants upstairs in the equipment storage area from last year that were found by Mrs. Bowman. He continued to note that some kids didn't put down what numbers they wanted on their shirts, so he just gave them the first available numbers from 1-10.

SIGNAGE:

Mr. De pew wanted to make a clarification that the only sign that the prison is making is the one for Combined Insurance. All other signs were being done by Robert Gragewski.

Mrs. Beatty noted that Jessica Gaydos was still willing to order the sheet metal used to make the signs for the League.

Mr. Stange would try and get RJ Beechel to install the new sign for the League at the beginning of the fields.

Mrs. Beatty noted that the Kerhonkson Lion's Club sign needed to come down because they no longer exist.

Mr. Paley noted that Don Gemai spoke with him at clean up day and wanted to pay for his sign.

Mrs. Beatty noted that she sent him a letter with how to do that.

Mr. Stange noted that Chuck Warren was going to build shadow boxes for the concession stand pricing.

Mr. De Pew noted that the uniforms would be in by April 21st.

The Board discussed a good time to have a meeting for parents. It was decided that there would be a mandatory coaches and parent meeting on Saturday, April 12, 2014 at the field at 11am.

OUTDOOR PRACTICE SCHEDULE UNTIL THE SEASON STARTS:

IVLL MAJOR FIELD OUTSIDE SCHEDULE STARTING 4/14/14:

Monday:	Dodgers (DE PEW)
Tuesday:	Pirates (STANGE)
Wednesday:	OPEN
Thursday:	Yankees (HICKEY)
Friday:	Tigers (Culwell)

IVLL MINOR FIELD OUTSIDE SCHEDULE STARTING 4/8/14:

Monday: CP Mets (KING)
Tuesday: CP Pirates (PALEY)
Wednesday: MM Pirates (KENNEY)
Thursday: CP Yankees (BOWMAN)
Friday: MM Mets (PADDOCK)

MODELLS:

Mrs. Beatty noted that the 15% Team Sale goes from April 11-May 11th. She has had a hard time hooking up with the Manager to get the coupons.

Mr. Ellsworth noted that Mrs. O'Connell would be picking the coupons up.

SCHEDULES:

Mr. Ellsworth noted that he is working with someone from RVLL on getting the Major Minor and Coach Pitch Schedules together for the interleaguings. As soon as they had something finalized he would send it out. Right now it is looking like MM will be Wednesdays and Saturdays- one team home and the other will be at RVLL. Coach Pitch looks like Wednesdays and Saturdays as well, but those teams will be all over because there are a total of 6 teams to work with.

OPENING DAY:

All teams will play. There will be a Major game and a Major Minor game at the same time, then a Major game and two tee ball games, then the coach pitch games on the major field will play their split shift that Mr. King suggested.

Mr. Paley noted that he will be the 'B' team that will be split and have some down time.

FIELD CLOSED:

Mr. Stange noted that Tru Green is going to be spraying on April 18th, so the field will be closed anyway for Easter—so it will be closed April 18, 19, & 20.

FIELD DUTY:

Field Duty times would be discussed further once games started.

ADJOURNMENT:

Mr. De Pew motioned to adjourn the meeting. Seconded by Mr. Ellsworth. All Members Present in favor.

As there was no other business, at 8:30PM President Ellsworth adjourned the meeting.

Respectfully Submitted,
Becky Stange, Secretary

